(b) if so, the names of the States where these new spinning mills are proposed to be set up;

(c) whether any such export oriented spinning mills is proposed to be set up in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the steps thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Export of Silk

3491. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for the export of silk during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 and achievements made in those years;

(b) whether Government have taken steps to increase the export of silk; and

(c) if so, the projection made for 1995-96 and 1996-97.

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) The Government does not encourage export of raw silk and as such neither targets were set for its export during the years 1992-93 to 1994-95 nor projections have been made for its export during the years 1995-96 & 1996-97.

However, sustained efforts are being made to increase exports of silk textile products and foreign exchange earnings in this regard in the last 3 years were as below:—

Year	(In Rs. crores) Exports
1992-93 . . .	734.22
1993-94 . . .	789.10
1994-95 . . . Apr. '94-Feb. '95)	848.79

While projections for 1996-97 have not been made so far, the projections for silk textile exports for 1995-96 are Rs. 1030 crores (328 Million US Dollars).

Closed Textile Mills in M.P.

3492. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of textile mills in Madhya Pradesh have either been closed or are at the verge of closure rendering thousands of workers jobless due to the closure and sickness of these mills;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take for the revival of textile mills in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) As on 31.1.95, there were 7 Cotton/man-made Fibre Textile Mills reported to be closed affecting 18749 workers in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) Government have set up Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) to evolve and manage rehabilitation packages in respect of viable closed/sick mills.

Impact of Cheap Textile Import

3493. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news items appearing in the 'Financial Express', New Delhi, dated the 28th February, 1995 under the caption "Cheap textile import may lead to Rupees 3000 crore revenue loss' to the Central Government;

(b) if so, whether it does not help in making the domestic textile sector competitive against cheap textile imports through Special Import Licence (SIL).